## SBLO TRAINING MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005

Nancy D. Small, Associate Director, SDDC Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (SADBU) hosted a Small Business Liaison Officer (SBLO) meeting on Tuesday, 8 March, 2005. The purpose of this all day conference was to provide the latest "what's new" in the Subcontracting arena. Mr. Robert Taylor, National Program Manager, Subcontracting Program, Small Business Administration (SBA) presented the training which included updated SBA guidance as well as discussion of the final SBA ruling on subcontracting actions.



This first time SBLO training was offered by the SDDC SADBU Office in order to enhance the command's subcontracting performance and assist the command's large business contactors in their support to the nation's



small business community. Training discussions covered types of subcontracting plans, compliance, size standards, responsibility of SBA and Contracting Officers, and the new Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS). Attendees said they greatly appreciated this kind of forum that simultaneously provided them with both info and an opportunity to interact with other contractor, SBA and SDDC personnel. In addition, the corporations looked forward to being an integral part of the Small/Large Business Networking Opportunity Workshop to be held 25 April, the first day of SDDC's Symposium Week. The upcoming Symposium is scheduled for 25-27 April at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville,

Tennessee. At this event, the command will recognize some large business partners for their outstanding contributions to the small business community. For information on registration and Symposium activity, see the Symposium website at <a href="http://www.sddcsymposium.org">http://www.sddcsymposium.org</a>.

Attendees from all over the U.S. included more than thirty people representing twenty-six corporations and four federal government agencies. Large business attendees included American Road Line, Ceres Marine, CSC, CW Travel, Eagle Global Logistics, FedEx, Landstar, Maersk Line, Matson Navigation, Mercer Transportation, Northrup Gurmman, Overnite, Raytheon, SRA International, SSA Cooper, and Yellow Roadway. Federal government agencies represented included Small Business Staff members from Defense Energy Support Center and the U.S. Air Force. Also attending were SBA



Award Programs Managers, and Commercial Market Representatives, as well as SDDC Contracting Staff.